

What happens next?

- the next visit will include a qualificaltional training for the youth of the township in our training-centres

How can you help?

Bring up Xolelanani as a subject at your youth-assembly, at Informational events or in your IG-Metal youth. Therefore we are going to offer downloads at www.Xole.de

To support the youth-project we established a welfare association: You are invited to participate here as well.



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South-Africa Youthproject:



an initiative by
IG-Metall - Youth



Why South-Africa?

South-Africa is still facing big economic and social challenges. The System of „Apartheid“ was abolished in 1994 by the party of Nelson Mandela, but there is still a long way to go to get black and white people with one another. One major issue are the problems of the township: up to 70% unemployment, a lack of access to education, struggles with health care, etc. are still the common circumstances of most South-Africans.

The government tries its best to improve the situation of coloured people in South-Africa. But the democracy will only be able to grow through equal rights for everybody. The new generation has both the chance to process injustice that has happened in the past and to stop it today. The IG-Metal Youth wants to provide support by rewriting and constructing a new South-Africa because we see a model for the overcoming of racism there.



The project: „Xolelanani“ means reconciliation

Contact between the IG-Metal Youth and the youth from the Walmer Township by Port Elisabeth exists since 1997. About 70 000 people are living together in this township which is only the size of 4qkm. The situation of the township is tense because it is only separated by a street from a housing area in which a wealthy white community lives.

Most of the people are living in small tin houses and still rarely have water supply, sewage, electricity or infrastructure. In contrast to their white neighbours who are living in big villas surrounded by barbed wire. To ensure a better start and improved living areas for the children and teenagers the Youth-Centre Xolelanani came into being in the Walmer township.

The Centre serves the following purposes:

- ✎ it ensures a non-violent and drug-free Environment
- ✎ it offers room for art and creative work (pottery work, choirs, theatre and dancing groups)
- ✎ it can serve as an education and training point in pottery for men and women
- ✎ it ensures a basic supply of basic necessities for homeless children



Young people who are associated with IG-Metall and the youth of the Walmer Township are working and enlarging this youth-centre for quite some time now. The project lives through creativity, ideas and the engagement of the youth. We collected money for the building and extension through diverse campaigns.

Our goals:

To learn from each other

- ✎ The people in Southafrica teach us that you can change history
- ✎ We support the vision of reconciliation
- ✎ We give practical solidarity to enhance the circumstances of young people in the Township
- ✎ We organize an exchange between southafrican and german teenagers